

(d) Assistance. The Working Group shall have the administrative, ~~technical, and legal assistance of the Department of Public Service~~ and technical assistance of the Department of Public Service. The Working Group shall have the legal assistance of the Department of Public Service as to matters of procedure; the Working Group's powers and duties; existing State programs; existing legal requirements or obligations; and the drafting of proposed legislation. The Working Group may hire a third-party consultant to assist and staff the Working Group, which may be funded by monies appropriated by the General Assembly, or any grant funding received.

(e) Report. On or before ~~January 15, 2025, and annually until 2030~~ January 15, 2025, the Working Group shall submit a written report to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy and the House Committee on Environment and Energy with its findings and recommendations for legislative action.

(f) Meetings.

- (1) The Department of Public Service shall call the first meeting of the Working Group to occur on or before July 15, 2024.
- (2) The Working Group shall elect a chair from among its members at the first meeting.
- (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
- (4) The Working Group shall cease to exist on February 15, ~~2025~~30.